

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

1-6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid sequence, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

8. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid sequence, comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

9-25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid sequence according to Claim 7.

27. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid sequence according to Claim 8.

28-33. (Canceled).

34. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding a peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 or SEQ ID NO:6 ~~or a combination of both,~~ wherein said amino acid sequence is immunochemically reactive with an antibody to the Epstein-Barr Virus VCA p18 protein.

35-36. (Canceled).

37. (New) An isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding a peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.

38. (New) An isolated nucleic acid sequence encoding a peptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5 and the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.